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## Helper and Leader Verbs Answer Key

### Part A: Sports Zone

1. Helping Verb: are | Main Verb: practicing
2. Helping Verb: will | Main Verb: compete
3. Helping Verb: were | Main Verb: cheering
4. Helping Verb: have | Main Verb: trained
5. Helping Verb: is | Main Verb: running

### Part B: Home Life

6. Helping Verb: was | Main Verb: cooking
7. Helping Verb: should | Main Verb: clean

8. Helping Verb: have | Main Verb: reading (*been* is part of the phrase but not the main verb here)

9. Helping Verb: can | Main Verb: watch

10. Helping Verb: is | Main Verb: fixing

### Part C: Adventure Stories

11. Helping Verb: had | Main Verb: discovered

12. Helping Verb: might | Main Verb: find

13. Helping Verb: must | Main Verb: follow

14. Helping Verb: has | Main Verb: waiting (*been* is a participle, not the main verb)

15. Helping Verb: could | Main Verb: hear

### Teacher Notes:

- Remind students: **Helping verbs** show tense, possibility, necessity, or time, and they **always support the main action verb**.
- Common pitfall: Words like *been* often confuse students. Clarify that it's part of the verb phrase but not the "main action."
- Extension idea: Ask students to **rewrite two sentences** in past tense and identify the new helping and main verbs.